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Land Revenue Administration

Resettlement operations in Salem district.

* 628 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the resettlement operations in the Salem district are;

(*b*) which part or parts of the Salem district are being resettled now;

(*c*) whether the report of the Special Settlement Officer in that district has been got ready;

(*d*) when it is likely to be published;

(*e*) when the resettlement rates are to be given effect to;

(*f*) whether the Government have received any representations praying that the resettlement rates should not be given effect to for some years to come; and

(*g*) if so, from where such representations have been received and what orders have been passed on them?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of his question No. 36 given on 1st August 1933. Resettlement operations have not yet commenced in the northern taluks of the Salem district.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Government understand that the report is nearly ready. It is not yet possible to say definitely when it will be published.

(*e*) The answer to clauses (*c*) and (*d*) of question No. 36 given on 1st August 1933 contains information on this point.

(*f*) & (*g*) Except two resolutions of which notice was given in the Legislative Council no representations asking for the postponement of the Salem resettlement operations have been received since 1st January 1933.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I know whether resettlement operations in the other taluks of the Salem district have been completed? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" No, Sir."

Relief measures in South Arcot consequent on the cyclone havoc.

* 629 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of damage caused to house, property, lands, crops and trees by the cyclone of December 1933 in the various taluks of South Arcot;

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(*b*) the number of cattle that died on account of the effect of the cyclone and the number of human lives that were lost during and by reason of the cyclone of December 1933 in the various taluks of South Arcot;

(*c*) the measures that were taken by the Government to afford relief to the ryots affected by the cyclone and the measures proposed to be taken in the several taluks of the district;

(*d*) whether any representations have been received by the Government or the District Collector of South Arcot from the ryots or associations of ryots and mirasidars as to the necessity for and the inadequacy of relief given to the ryots of the cyclone-affected areas in the district of South Arcot;

(*e*) what the nature and scope of the representations are; and

(*f*) what the action already taken or proposed to be taken by the Government is in respect of the said representations?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The information received by the Government has been given in the Press Communiqué, dated 12th January 1934.

(*d*) Some petitions asking for relief on account of damage caused by the cyclone have been received by the Government. Copies of some of these petitions appear to have been sent to the Collector also.

(*e*) The main requests contained in the petitions received by the Government are—

(1) that assessment should be reduced or that a portion of the land revenue should be remitted;

(2) that tree tax should be reduced;

(3) that land revenue should be collected in six instalments or that kists should be postponed; and

(4) that loans should be granted free of interest or at reduced rates of interest.

(*f*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Press Communiqué mentioned in the answer to clauses (*a*) to (*c*). The ordinary remissions for loss of crop admissible under the Board's Standing Orders will be granted. The question whether any special concessions should be given will be considered by the Collector.

Prices and Wages

Reports on the economic condition of the Province.

* 630 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the reports on prices of paddy and the agricultural situation from Collectors of all districts; and